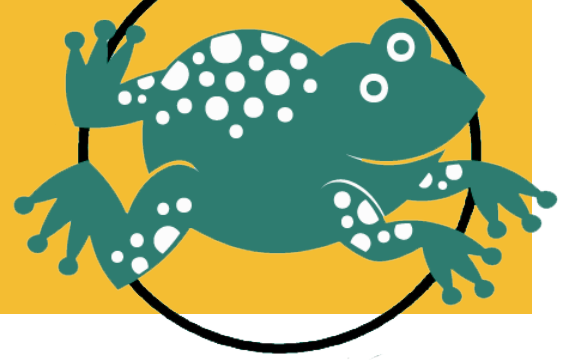


# Penny Creek Frog News

PENNY CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



November 2021

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## From the Principal

Dear Penny Creek Families:

Our students have had a month full of learning. All have increased their academic stamina and continue to show their Penny Creek PRIDE. We are especially proud of our fourth and fifth graders for completing the SBA. They demonstrated persistence and are clearly developing their academic stamina. A fun event concluding October was our annual Mathquerade. Thank you to Mrs. Sparks for coordinating this fabulously fun event focused on number sense. Many students participated, and in case you've been wondering, the large pumpkin in the courtyard had 663 pumpkin seeds!

The month of November begins with Family Conferences and the PTA Book Fair. Family Conferences are an important time to connect with teachers to learn about students' progress both academically and socially emotionally. You are encouraged to bring any questions or possible concerns to your child's teacher. Supporting learning is a partnership and your input and support is welcomed.

In mid-November, we will award our first PRIDE and Pencil of Power awards. As we are unable to hold large assemblies at this time, Mrs. Kirkpatrick and I will go to classes to present the awards. In this way, teacher's can read the certificates aloud and we can provide a genuine focus on their accomplishments. We will take pictures and post them on our [website](#).

Our school's Veteran's assembly will be a virtual event again this year and held on Wednesday, November 10. We look forward to recognizing US Veterans in our Penny Creek community. We conclude the month with our Math Night on Tuesday, November 30. This event, which will be held via Zoom, will inform families of our new math curriculum titled, Illustrative Math, and provide opportunity to experience a math lesson. Stay tuned for details.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with questions. We value your partnership.

Sincerely,

Marti Shefveland  
Principal

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Principal

**Stephanie Kirkpatrick**  
Assistant Principal

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**[2021-22 School Calendar](#)**  
**[Parents Overview Page](#)**  
**[Student Handbook](#)**

**November 1 - 5**

Early Dismissal for Students at 1 p.m.

**November 4**

High School & Beyond Event  
Virtually from 6 p.m. – 10 p.m.

**November 7**

Daylight Savings Time Ends  
"Fall back" one hour

**November 11**

No School – Veteran's Day

**November 12, 19**

Learning Improvement Fridays  
Student Dismissed at 2:15 p.m.

**November 15**

Let's Connect!  
Via Zoom from 5 p.m. – 6 p.m.

**November 24, 25, 26**

No School – Thanksgiving Break



## Masks at School

At all times, students and families must wear a mask during school operating hours at Penny Creek. Please have students bring extra masks in their backpacks and/or lunchbox every day.

## Drop Off / Pick Up Reminders

Please pull the vehicle all the way forward in the drop off/pick up lines and parent is to remain in the vehicle.

Student will need to be ready to get out of your car at drop off from the passenger side.

If your student cannot get out independently from the vehicle, please park in the main parking lot and walk your student to the gate.

## Penny Creek Attendance Corner

If your student is absent or tardy from school, please email the attendance office at [pceattendance@everettsd.org](mailto:pceattendance@everettsd.org) to let us know the reason for the absence or tardy. There is also a direct link on our webpage at: <https://www.everettsd.org/pennycreek>

- Absences must be reported (by email or note) within 30 days after a student returns back to school, not including Holidays or weekends, in order to have the absence excused. Emails or notes turned in past the 30-day timeframe will be accepted; however, the absence is not excused and will be coded as such.
- Automated attendance calls will be sent out daily at 10 a.m. If your student will be absent or tardy you must notify the office before 9:15 a.m. If it is reported after this time you may receive the automated call.
- Please view the [Everett School District Attendance Procedure 3122P](#) for more information (including definitions of absences).
- Did you have a medical appointment for your child, or they were sick, and you brought them to the doctor? If so, make sure to ask for a medical note from the provider. Email the note to the attendance office so those absences can be coded as a medical note excused absence.



## Annual Student Update Form

Thank you to families that have completed the online annual student update. This update is available through Home Access Center (HAC). It is important that you complete this process even if information for your student has not changed from last year. This process also includes annual agreements (such as Student Rights & Responsibilities, FERPA, etc.) you are asked to sign each year. If you still need to complete this update, please view your email for a message sent from Everett Public Schools.

## Checking out a Penny Creek student during the school day

Sometimes it is necessary for a parent/guardian to pick up a student before Penny Creek's dismissal time. To help us prepare, please send a note or email the school office at [PennyCreek@everettsd.org](mailto:PennyCreek@everettsd.org) in advance, letting us know the specific date, time and who will be picking up your child. Students who are dismissed during the school day must be signed out from the school office by their parent/guardian (or adult designee) before leaving the school grounds. If an adult designee is coming to check out your child, a note or email to the school office at [PennyCreek@everettsd.org](mailto:PennyCreek@everettsd.org) must be submitted by the guardian to confirm. Students will be called from the classroom for dismissal once the parent/guardian (or adult designee) arrives at the office. For the safety and security of students, we will ask for photo identification.



## Changes to a student’s daily going home plan

Occasionally, you may need to change the plan of how your child is going home at the end of the school day. If this is the case for your family, **we ask that a guardian sends an email to the school office at [PennyCreek@everettsd.org](mailto:PennyCreek@everettsd.org) and the classroom teacher by 2:45 pm.** Please include the name of your student, their teacher, and the change of plan. Our office will then deliver this information to your student. This method of communication helps to support our staff with accurate dismissal information.

## 2021 High School & Beyond Event



**SAVE THE DATE!** The High School & Beyond event will be completely virtual again this year. We have partnered with VisitDays to design remote opportunities for students and families to connect with colleges and universities from all over the country. Washington-specific schools will be highlighted, including our local community colleges. The live event will take place on **Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 10 p.m.** The link to the virtual event site will be available soon, but in the meantime, mark your calendars for this upcoming opportunity to visit, ask questions, and explore several post-high school options!

## Native American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month



November is Native American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month. What started at the turn of the century as an effort to gain a day of recognition for the significant contributions the first Americans made to the establishment and growth of the U.S., has resulted in a whole month being designated for that purpose.

## Daylight Saving Time Ends

November 7, 2021, Daylight Savings Time Ends and we “fall back” one hour.



## Remember to vote Nov. 2



Remember to deliver your ballot to a ballot drop box near you or put it in the mail by Nov. 2 – postage is not required for ballots.

## Calendar reminder

This is a friendly reminder that there is no school the day before Thanksgiving.

| November 2021 |        |              |           |          |        |          |
|---------------|--------|--------------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
| Sunday        | Monday | Tuesday      | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|               | 1      | 2 <b>Nov</b> | 3         | 4        | 5      | 6        |
| 7             | 8      | 9            | 10        | 11       | 12     | 13       |
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## Outdoor visitors

“Outdoor” parent and PTA visitors are approved at schools. Please check with your school to see what options there are, sign in with the office when you arrive, be sure to be supervised by staff when outside and follow COVID safety protocols.



## School performance report

Our school's performance report is available online on each school's website. More information is available on the [Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction website](#). At the bottom under data and research, click on "School Report Card" and select Everett from the list of districts.

## Have you downloaded our mobile app?

News and information about our schools are as close as your smartphone. Download and log into the district app to access your student's info quickly and easily. See top stories, Parent University, Canvas, books checked out from the library, and find the staff directory, school websites, calendars and more.

Available for Apple and Android devices and can be downloaded in 3 easy steps:

1. On your smartphone, go to the iTunes App Store® or Google Play®
2. Search Everett Public Schools
3. Then select our app for free download

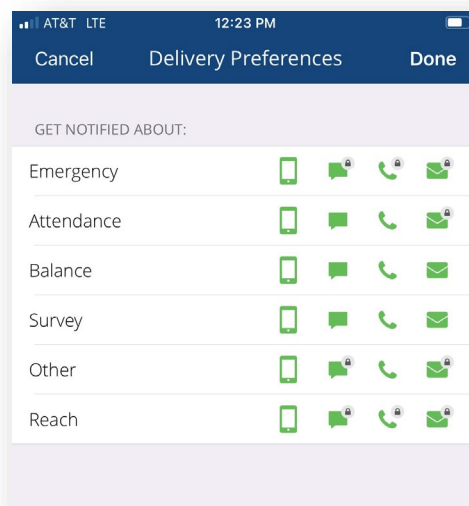
Once you've downloaded the app, log in to "student info" with your LMS password to see student-specific information for each of your children. Read content in one of many languages available in the settings. You are also able to set your delivery preferences.



## Receive information the way you prefer

Thank you to all who were able to participate in our September 18 Let's Connect session. One of the action items that came from the session was to remind parents how to select their preferred method of communication so they will not get the same message in multiple formats unless they choose to. Below are some steps you can take:

- Download the district's mobile app. One of the many features is to select your delivery preferences. Once you have signed into your account, click on your profile tile and then "Edit Delivery Preferences" at the top.
  - Click on the icon for app, text, phone or email to turn off that mode. Green indicates the mode is turned on. Some modes are locked, as indicated with the lock in the upper corner of the icon.
- Keep your contact information current by updating the "Annual Student Update Form 2021-2022" in Home Access Center or by letting your school office know anytime there is a change.
- Please visit the communications department webpage for a list of timely and relevant information to strengthen connections among families, staff and community.





## Is your family prepared?

[Snohomish County Emergency Management](#) has helpful online resources to help you create, and practice emergency response plans with your family and neighborhood in preparation for bad weather.



## Online safety tips

- Keep the computer in a busy area of your home.
- Use an app to keep an eye on your child's online activity on their device.
- Talking about cyberbullying; ask if someone they know has been a victim. Ask if they have been victimized.
- Set up email and social media accounts with your children. Know their screen names and passwords and explain the reasons for not including any personal information in profiles.

Know who is in the "buddy lists." Get to know the cyberfriends as well as you do those who visit your home. Parents and guardians may find the following resources helpful to begin a conversation about the dangers of engaging in cyberbullying and how to stay safe online:



- [Stop Bullying Now](#)
- [Ms. Parry's Guide to Correct Online Etiquette](#)
- [Common Sense Media](#)

Find out what Everett Public Schools students learn about digital citizenship on the district [website](#).

## FAFSA season has begun!

*Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)* is an office of the U.S. Department of Education. FAFSA coordinates with postsecondary schools and financial institutions to help students and families pay for college. Watch for FAFSA completion events happening around the district. Find more information at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

## Let's Connect – save the date

Mark your calendars. You are invited to connect with district leaders and engage in conversation on Monday, November 15 from 5 – 6 p.m.

We want to hear from you and hope you can attend a Zoom meeting to share your thoughts. Please check your email shortly for an invitation to connect with your school's regional superintendent and other district leaders. An RSVP is required to receive the link for the meeting. Let's Connect!






## Have a safety concern related to schools? Report it!


You can call, text or email your concern.


If there is reason for concern about safety on a designated walkway to school, call 9-1-1 immediately for authorized, quick help. We have strong partnerships with local law enforcement who share our interest in safe schools and neighborhoods.

Student safety is a priority for all of us. Working together, we can help make our neighborhoods and schools nurturing places for students to safely learn and grow.

**3 easy ways**

Text or call  **855-637-2095**

 **1350@alert1.us**

 **<https://everett-wa.safeschoolsalert.com>**

FOR EMERGENCIES,  
PLEASE CALL  
**911!**

## Everett Public Schools is active on social media!

We invite all Everett Public Schools families, students, friends, and community members to follow our social media sites including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube.

On our main district [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#) pages, you will find emergency district communications, photos, videos, event postings, and content highlighting students, faculty, and accomplishments.

Visit our social media directory at [www.everettsd.org/socialmediadirectory](http://www.everettsd.org/socialmediadirectory) to follow along with school pages, district pages, teachers, clubs, teachers, student groups, and more. Stay connected with us to learn the latest news! We can't wait to see you there!



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• **Everett Public Schools does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:**

• **Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer:**  
• Kevin Allen  
• 425-385-4100  
• [KAllen@everettsd.org](mailto:KAllen@everettsd.org)  
• PO Box 2098  
• Everett, WA 98213

**Section 504 Coordinator:**  
Dave Peters  
425-385-4063  
[DPeters@everettsd.org](mailto:DPeters@everettsd.org)  
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Everett, WA 98213

**ADA Coordinator:**  
Randi Seaberg  
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Below is the Spanish Version of District Newsletter Articles Content:

## Evento de secundaria y más allá de 2021



¡RESERVA! El evento High School & Beyond volverá a ser completamente virtual este año. Nos hemos asociado con VisitDays para diseñar oportunidades remotas para que estudiantes y familias se conecten con colegios y universidades de todo el país. Se destacarán las escuelas específicas de Washington, incluidas nuestras universidades comunitarias locales. El evento en vivo tendrá lugar el jueves 4 de noviembre de 6 a 10 p.m. El enlace al sitio del evento virtual estará disponible pronto, pero mientras tanto, marque sus calendarios para esta próxima oportunidad de visitar, hacer preguntas y explorar varias opciones posteriores a la escuela secundaria.

## Mes de la herencia de indígenas Americanos y de Alaska



Noviembre es el mes de los indígenas americanos y nativos de Alaska. Lo que inició al inicio del siglo como un esfuerzo para ganar un día de reconocimiento por las grandes contribuciones de los primeros americanos hechas al establecimiento y crecimiento de EE.UU., ha resultado en un mes completo designado a este propósito.

## Termina el horario de verano

7 de noviembre de 2021, termina el horario de verano, retrasando una hora el reloj.



## Recuerde votar el 2 de noviembre



Recuerde entregar su boleta electoral en un buzón de votos cerca de usted o mándelo por correo antes del 2 de noviembre. No se requiere de estampilla postal para mandar boletas.

## Recordatorio del calendario

Un recordatorio que no habrá clases el día antes de Acción de Gracias.

| Noviembre |       |        |           |        |         |    | 2021   |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|-----------|-------|--------|-----------|--------|---------|----|--------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Domingo   | Lunes | Martes | Miércoles | Jueves | Viernes |    | Sábado |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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## Visitantes en el exterior (outdoor)

Los padres y visitantes del PTA están aprobados para visitar escuelas al “exterior”. Por favor consulte con su escuela para que opciones ofrecen, regístrese con la oficina a su llegada, asegúrese de ser supervisado por el personal cuando esté afuera y siga los protocolos de seguridad del COVID.



## Reporte de desempeño de las escuelas

Nuestros reportes de desempeño de las escuelas ya están disponibles en línea en los sitios web escolares. Más información está disponible en el [sitio web de la Oficina del Superintendente de Instrucción Pública](#). Haga clic en “State Report Card” y seleccione Everett de la lista de distritos.

## ¿Ya descargó la app móvil?

Las noticias e información de nuestras escuelas están tan cerca como su celular. Descargue e ingrese a la app del distrito para acceder a la información de su estudiante rápida y fácilmente. Vea historias relevantes, Universidad para Padres, Canvas, libros sacados de la biblioteca, y encuentre el directorio del personal, sitios web escolares, calendarios y más.

Disponible para Apple y Android y puede ser descargado en 3 pasos sencillos:

4. En su celular inteligente, vaya a iTunes App Store® o Google Play®
5. Busque Everett Public Schools
6. Luego seleccione nuestra aplicación para descargarla gratis

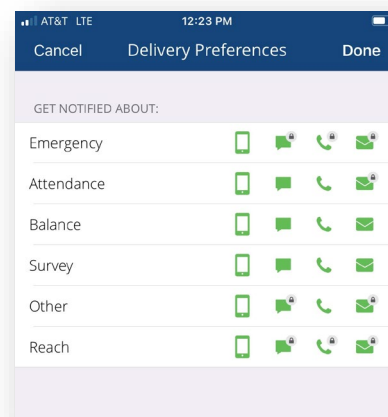
Una vez que la descargue, ingrese a “student Info” con su contraseña (password) de LMS para ver información específica de cada uno de sus estudiantes. Lea el contenido en uno de los muchos idiomas disponibles en ajustes (settings). Podrá también programar sus preferencias de entrega.



## Reciba la información como usted la prefiera

Gracias a todos los que pudieron participar en nuestra sesión de Let's Connect del 18 de septiembre. Una de las acciones que surgió en la sesión fue recordar a los padres cómo seleccionar su método de preferencia para la comunicación, para que no recibieran el mismo mensaje en varios formatos, a menos que ellos lo eligieran. Aquí están los pasos a tomar:

- Descargue la app móvil del distrito. Una de las muchas características es seleccionar sus preferencias de entrega de información. Una vez que ingrese en su cuenta, haga clic en su perfil y luego elija “Edit Delivery Preferences” en la parte de arriba.
  - Haga clic en el ícono para apagar el modo de app, teléfono o email. El color verde indica que el modo está activado. Algunos modos están con candado, como se indica con el candado en la parte superior derecha del ícono.
- Mantenga su información de contacto al día actualizando el formulario “the “Annual Student Update Form 2021-2022” en Home Access Center o avisando a su oficina escolar cuando haya un cambio.
- Por favor visite el portal del departamento de comunicaciones para una lista de información oportuna y relevante para fortalecer las conexiones entre las familias, el personal escolar y la comunidad.







## ¿Está su familia preparada?

[Snohomish County Emergency Management](#) tiene recursos de ayuda en línea para crear, y practicar planes de respuesta contra emergencias con su familia y vecinos en preparación para las inclemencias del clima.



## Consejos para seguridad en línea

- Mantenga la computadora en un área ocupada de su hogar.
- Use una app para estar al pendiente de la actividad de su hijo/a en línea en su dispositivo.
- Platiquen sobre el ciberbullying. Pregunte si conocen a una víctima. Pregúnteles si han sido ellos víctimas.
- Den de alta las cuentas de email y de las redes sociales con sus hijos. Conozcan sus nombres de pantalla y contraseñas y explique las razones de por qué no incluir información personal en sus perfiles.

Sepan quien está su lista de amigos (buddy list). Conozca sus ciberamigos tan bien como los que lo visitan en su hogar. Los padres y tutores legales pueden encontrar los siguientes recursos de gran ayuda para iniciar una conversación sobre los peligros de participar en un ciberbullying y cómo mantenerse seguros en línea:



- [Detenga el bullying ahora mismo](#)
- [Guía de Ms. Parry's Guide para reglas de etiqueta en línea](#)
- [Sentido común en los medios masivos](#)

Entérese de lo que los estudiantes de las Escuelas Públicas de Everett aprenden sobre el civismo digital en el distrito en [sitio web de "Learning Management Services"](#).

## ¡inició la temporada de FAFSA!

*FAFSA o Aplicación para Ayuda Federal Estudiantil* es una oficina del departamento de educación de EE.UU. FAFSA se coordina con las escuelas de educación superior e instituciones financieras para ayudar a los estudiantes y a sus familias a pagar la universidad. Esté al pendiente de los eventos para llenar el FAFSA en nuestro distrito. Encuentre más información en [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

## Let's Connect – aparte la fecha

Anote en sus calendarios, porque está invitado a conectarse con los líderes del distrito a participar en una conversación el lunes 15 de noviembre de 5-6pm.

Queremos escuchar de usted y esperamos pueda asistir a la junta Zoom para compartir sus opiniones. Por favor verifique su email dentro de poco tiempo para recibir la invitación a conectarse con su superintendente regional de su escuela y otros líderes del distrito. Se requiere que confirme su asistencia (RSVP) para recibir el enlace a la reunión. Let's Connect! (¡Conectémonos!)





## ¿Tiene problemas de seguridad relacionados con la escuela? ¡Repórtelo!

Puede llamar, enviar un texto o email con su problema o inquietud.

Si hay una razón que le preocupa en la seguridad en el área asignada para caminar a la escuela. Llame al 9-1-1 inmediatamente para recibir ayuda rápida y autorizada. Estamos fuertemente afiliados con seguridad pública quienes comparten nuestro interés en la seguridad de la escuela y comunidades.

La seguridad estudiantil es prioridad para todos nosotros. Trabajando juntos, podemos ayudar a que nuestras comunidades y escuelas sean lugares de apoyo para que los estudiantes aprendan y crezcan juntos.

**3 maneras fáciles**

**Texto o llamada**

☎ 855-637-2095

✉ 1350@alert1.us

🌐 <https://everett-wa.safeschoolsalert.com>

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**911!**

## ¡Las Escuelas Públicas de Everett están activas en las redes sociales!

Invitamos a todas las familias, estudiantes, amigos y miembros de la comunidad de las Escuelas Públicas de Everett a seguir nuestros sitios de redes sociales incluyendo Facebook, Twitter, Instagram y YouTube.

En nuestras páginas principales para [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), e [Instagram](#) encontrará comunicaciones distritales de emergencia, fotos, videos, publicaciones de eventos y contenidos destacando estudiantes, facultad y logros.

Visite nuestro directorio de medios sociales en [www.everettsd.org/socialmediadirectory](http://www.everettsd.org/socialmediadirectory) para seguir de cercas las páginas escolares, páginas del distrito, maestros, clubs, grupos estudiantiles, y más. ¡Conéctese con nosotros para enterarse de las últimas noticias!  
¡Estamos emocionados de poderlo ver ahí!



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- expresión de género o identidad, discapacidad, o el uso de perros guía entrenados o animales de
- servicio, y provee con acceso equitativo a los Boy Scouts y a otros grupos juveniles designados. Los
- siguientes empleados han sido designados para gestionar las preguntas y quejas de presuntos actos de
- discriminación.
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